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SUBJECT: AFCC OF THE NORTH

REF: A. ASMARA 616, B. ASMARA 632

1. IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 31 JULY CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE AFCC OF THE NORTH WARNING TOURIST AGENTS AGAINST ADVISING FOREIGN RESIDENTS TO LEAVE (IN ORDER TO GENERATE BUSINESS), AND WARNING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AGAINST STRIKING.

2. THERE WAS ALSO AN EDITORIAL SUMMARY OF MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY BY THE AFCC OF THE NORTH AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNORATE GENERAL STAFF, MINISTERIAL DEPTS, AND QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES. ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, THE COMMITTEE CONDEMNED PAST ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES OF CORRUPTION AND MALFEASANCE, AND CALLED UPON SUPERVISORS AND SUBORDINATES TO WORK TOGETHER IN A DISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL OF THE COUNTRY. THE EDITORIAL CLOSED WITH A REMINDER THAT RIGHTS ARE THE FRUIT OF DUTIES, AND WITHOUT FULFILLING THOSE DUTIES THERE ARE NO RIGHTS.

3. THE MEETINGS WERE CHAIRED BY AN IEAF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

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ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES, DURING THE MONDAY MEETING, THE COM-

MITTEE MEMBERS WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: 1. WHY WERE ERITREAN EXILES EXCLUDED FROM THE OFFER OF AMNESTY? 2. WHY DO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RECEIVE BETTER HOSPITAL BENEFITS THAN CIVIL SERVANTS? AT THE TUESDAY MEETING THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO ANSWER ORAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND ASKED THAT THEY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. IT IS THOUGHT THEY HAVE TO CLEAR ALL ANSWERS WITH AFCC IN ADDIS.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS EVIDENCE OF BUDDING RESENTMENT AND SKEPTICISM TOWARDS THE AFCC'S MOTTO OF ETHIOPIA FIRST. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE POLICE COMMANDOS ALMOST CLASHED WITH 2ND DIV FORCES FOLLOWING THE OM HAJER MASSACRE (REF A). IT SEEMS THE 2ND DIV FORCES CHOSE TO SHOOT CIVILIANS IN OM HAJER WHILE THE COMMANDOS PURSUED THE ELF. ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE INVOLVED IN THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY OF KAGNEW STATION HAVE RECOMMENDED TO MOD THE EXCLUSION OF CIVILIAN AGENCIES FROM TRACT E. IF THE AFCC CONTINUES TO SAY ETHIOPIA FIRST, BUT PUTS THE MILITARY FIRST, THE PRESENT CALM COULD EASILY ERODE INTO CIVIL STRIFE.
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